

GYPSY QUEEN;
GEM IN TOOTH;
CACHE OF GOLDPolice Find Them, and More,
in Counterfeit Quest.Treasure Hidden in House at
308 Crane Street.

WOMEN AWAIT MEN AT JAIL

Wife of Wanderer De Luxe Says
He's a Coppermouth.Federal Officers Search Source
Hundreds "Bad" Quarters.

Secreted under unclean mattresses and behind couch-covered pictures on the walls of a dilapidated shack at 308 Crane street, the police today found thousands of dollars in gold coins, paper currency and jewelry placed there, they said, by John Petro and Frank Ynes, gypsies under arrest while police and United States officers are attempting to locate the source of hundreds of dollars in counterfeit quarters and half dollars floated in Topeka in the last two weeks.

In the house the police found a complete blacksmith's outfit. Attempts to find counterfeit "dime" had failed late today. A cistern in the rear of the house was being searched in the belief that either Petro or Ynes or one of the four women living in the house with them had managed to throw these dies in the cistern.

The women, two of them Mexicans, and two Brazilians, were arrested Wednesday afternoon with the two men. Later, the women were released. Today, they sat around waiting developments in the investigations. They have been in Topeka a month.

Gandy Wanderers De Luxe.

One of the women, who, like all the rest, was dressed in the gaudy colored calico of the gypsy, appeared unusually intelligent. She wore heavy silver bracelets on her arms and her fingers were covered with a variety of cheap and costly rings. A gold tooth continuously attracted attention of the police. Investigation revealed that in the center of the tooth a costly diamond was imbedded.

This woman claimed to be the wife of Petro. She said she had been wandering from coast to coast nine months of every year and their return in the summer to spend three months of their home at Raleigh, N. C., where she stated her husband owned a farm and a big house.

"Then we dress up in American clothes and live like the people," she said. "Things are different than they used to be. My husband bought an automobile in Council Bluffs, two months ago and sold our horse. Even my gypsies are getting high-toned."

The woman claimed her husband was a coppermouth and made a living by repeating and re-telling all kinds of copper and iron stories, pots, boilers and steam jacks. She had advertised John Petro, 308 Crane street, as a special coppermouth.

Admit Him Is Excellent.

If Petro and his wife are producers of the counterfeit coins, police admit that his coppermouth business is an excellent alibi for any counterfeit materials which may be found on the premises. So far, no one who has received the counterfeit coins has been able to positively identify any of the gypsies as the persons who presented them.

A. H. Trobert, deputy United States marshal, and Lew Jackson, United States detective, have been working on the case with A. Alton, city detective, and other local officers. Today they were awaiting the arrival of Fred Tate, chief of United States detectives at Kansas City.

The gypsy woman stated that the gold coins and bracelets, rings and other trinkets represented the savings of their lifetime. Her husband, the coppermouth, had wrought many strange patterns from the coins and bracelets. She said she had alone brought the officers found nearly \$1,000. An estimate on the gold coin and other trinkets was placed by the police at around \$2,000.

Banks Get Bogus Money.

Trobert stated that Topeka banks in the last three weeks had reported the receipt of approximately \$1,000 in counterfeit coins and half dollars. The counterfeit coins reproduce the exact size and general appearance of the new style quarters. But they are detected by the fact that no stars appear under the flying eagle. The real coins bear three stars under the eagle.

RUSSIAN LINER IS SUNK.

Were 700 Refugees on Board—All Are Reported Saved.

Constantinople, Feb. 12.—A telegram received from Varna today says that the Russian liner, Emperor Peter the Great, which struck a mine and was lost recently, had 700 Russian refugees on board, Odessa and Sebastopol, but that it is believed most of them were saved.

Germans Have No Counter Charges.

Paris, Feb. 12.—The French foreign office today discredited a report that Germany intends to present a list of alleged allied war crimes as reply to the allied demand for surrender of Germans accused of war crimes.

K. C. Women Stage Jail Break

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 12.—Who'da thought it?

All five women inmates of the county jail dug a hole thru a two-foot brick wall and fled forty feet down a rope made of twisted blankets, and escaped.

"Was the first Kansas City female jail break. Any more the county hasn't any prisoners of the fair sex."

The Weather

FAIR TONIGHT AND FRIDAY.

"Spring" Weather Will Continue, Is Forecast of Meteorologist Flora.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR KANSAS: Fair tonight and Friday, warmer east and south portions tonight and southeast portion Friday; colder northwest portion Friday afternoon.

The shipper's forecast warns to protect 50 hour shipments north and west against a temperature of 20 degrees; east and south against 25 degrees.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

7 o'clock.....25 11 o'clock.....24
8 o'clock.....24 12 o'clock.....40
9 o'clock.....30 1 o'clock.....42
10 o'clock.....33 2 o'clock.....47

No radical change will occur in Kansas weather conditions, at least before Friday night, said S. D. Flora, state meteorologist. Moderate temperatures will prevail. The day may be somewhat cloudy but no rain or snow is expected.

Today is the anniversary of the coldest weather ever recorded in Topeka. On February 12, 1899, the mercury dropped to 25 degrees below zero. In western Kansas the temperature went down to 29 and 35 degrees below.

No precipitation occurred in Kansas in the last 24 hours. Snow flurries along the Canadian border were the only precipitation recorded north and west of Kansas. Rain was recorded from the Gulf states and snow from Chicago.

The lowest temperature on the weather map was 5 above zero at Santa Fe, N. M. The temperature was 24 in Topeka at 6 o'clock this morning. It had risen to 32 at 10 o'clock. Flora predicted 50 degrees for this afternoon. He expects a temperature of 32 tonight rising to 50 degrees tomorrow afternoon.

The wind was from the south at 3 below zero in 1899 and 69 in 1907. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the wind was blowing 15 miles an hour from the southeast.

ADJOURN IN JUNE

Senate Wants Clear Docket Before Campaigns Start.

Finish Battle on Treaty in Hurry, Says Curtis.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Congressional leaders, anxious to clear up the legislative question and adjournment for the national conventions and the campaign, took steps today to speed the lawmaking machine.

Senator Curtis, Kansas, Republican whip, declared he believed the senate would finish its work by June.

Representative Mondell, Republican leader in the house, is arranging his schedule with the idea of adjourning not later than June 5.

Senate leaders pointed out that political and the only important measures yet to come before that body are army reorganizations, ten or eleven of the regular appropriation bills and the budget. The peace treaty, they believe, will shortly be disposed of; railroad legislation has practically been agreed upon; the regular appropriation measures have been passed; the oil and leasing bill has come to the White House, and the water power bill has been sent to conference. The senate and house Republican steering committee today conferred in the hope of formulating a speed up legislative program.

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M'GIFERT HAS FLU

City Health Head Victim of Disease on Which He Led Fight.

Working day and night at the emergency hospital, caring for victims of the epidemic, proved too much for Robert D. McGiffert, city health commissioner, who took down last night with the same disease that he has been working so hard to stamp out.

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GOV'T TO FOLLOW

Allen Forecasts Federalization of Kansas Court.

Tribunal Solution of National Labor Ills, He Asserts.

SPEAKS BEFORE CHICAGO BAR

Declares Conservative Workers Accept New Scheme.

Provides an Escape From Servitude to Radicals.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Creation of a federal court of industrial relations for the cure of industrial ills and the stamping out of radicalism in labor ranks was forecast before the Chicago Bar association today by Gov. Henry J. Allen of Kansas. The Kansas governor discussed ten days of operation of the new law in his state and declared it is being accepted both by labor and the employer.

While Governor Allen admitted that criticism had been directed against the law by Samuel Gompers and Alexander Howat, he asserted that Kansas would become the mecca for conservative labor union members and for industrial interests seeking "an atmosphere of industrial sanity and justice." The governor forecast nation-wide action to curb strikes following a discussion of the Kansas action in a special legislative session to pass the new labor court law.

"Labor leaders talked about involuntary servitude imposed by the state," Governor Allen declared, "and they had known their own leaders to deprive miners of their union cards under slightest provocation. They had known them to be forced for the least offenses. They had been led into strikes upon such flimsy pretexts that the miners themselves were heartily sick of the weapon of the strike which the state has taken away from them."

Lose Howat—Win Conservatives.

"Both Mr. Gompers and Mr. Howat are telling us that Kansas is to be boycotted and that union labor will filter out of the state to seek employment elsewhere. As a matter of fact, I believe that while there is a very good prospect that we shall lose Mr. Howat and his radical associates, we will gain many more conservative workers."

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NEW CABINET OFFICER NAMED

President of Shipping Board to Succeed Lane as Secretary Interior.

Washington, Feb. 12.—John Barton Payne today was named secretary of the interior.

Payne, at present chairman of the shipping board, will succeed Franklin K. Lane, who leaves the office March 1.

The nomination of Payne will be sent to the senate today by President Wilson. It was announced at the White House.

CORONER JURY CLEARS SLAYER.

Killed His Brother, Who Was Beating Him With Poker.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Feb. 12.—Joseph Thompson, the 19 year old boy who yesterday shot and killed his brother John, aged 29, was exonerated today by a coroner's jury.

The testimony upon him, then young Thompson fired to protect his own life.

SENATE HONORS ARE LINCOLN.

Solons Adjourned Session in Celebration of His Birthday.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The senate today adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

Adjournment was marked by the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address by Senator Keyes of New Hampshire, who read from the original manuscript in Lincoln's hand.

The session of the Keyes family many years.

Ghouls Violated Women's Corpses.

Detroit, Feb. 12.—Authorities here today were searching for ghouls who broke into a vault at the Lutheran cemetery, pried open two coffins and removed the bodies of two young women.

The bodies, stripped of their shrouds, were left naked in the snow.

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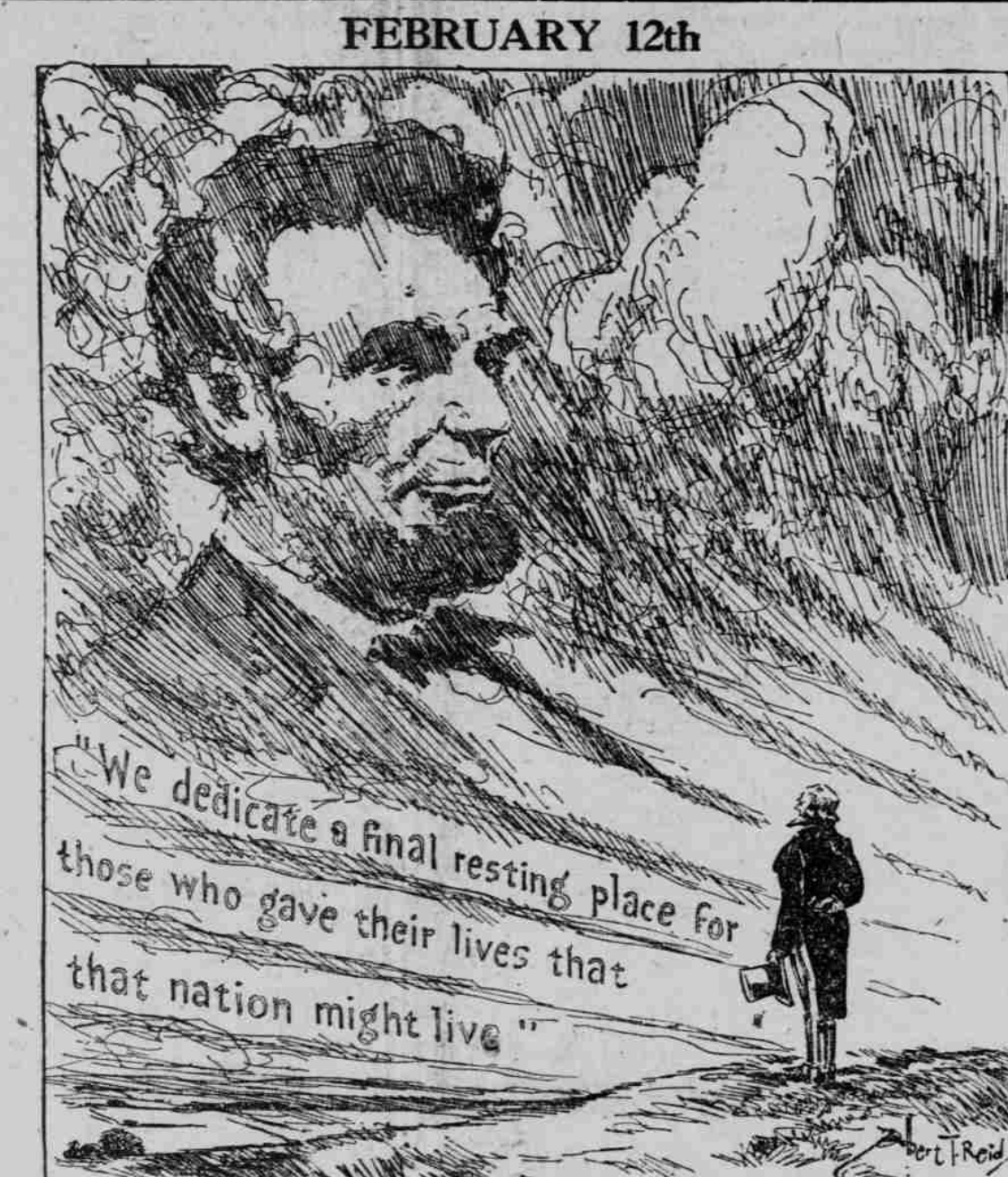
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Read in The National Republican

61 CASES IN CITY!

Flu Nears Serious Pneumonia Stage Today.

Ban Will Be Lifted Little at Time, Indication.

TOPEKA FLU RECORD.

Reported Feb. 9.....203
Reported Feb. 10.....157
Reported Feb. 11.....78
Reported Feb. 12.....61
Total.....499

The influenza epidemic is entering the serious stage, it is indicated by the number of pneumonia cases that are being reported. Two new cases of the most common flu complication and which is responsible for most of the fatalities in the epidemic were reported today and nine Wednesday—a new high mark.

Sixty-one new cases of flu had been reported up until noon today at the city health department. No deaths were reported today, but the death of Mrs. J. C. Penny brought Wednesday's total to two and the fatalities for the entire epidemic to fourteen.

Dr. Earle G. Brown, city health officer, said today the flu ban will probably be lifted a little at a time. When the board of health finds that the quarantine has passed, the theaters, schools, churches, dance halls and pool halls will be allowed to open, but the health authorities will request postponement of unnecessary public gatherings, he said.

The emergency hospital was filled to overflowing today. Three new patients arrived this morning and two were released, making the total 14. The hospital officials were racking their brains to find places for the two new patients.

The effects of the closing order in stamping out the disease will not be seen until tomorrow.

Sixteen county schools were closed Wednesday by order of Dr. C. C. Lull, county health officer. Six schools in Roseville township and seven in Silver Lake township already had closed because there were no pupils to attend.

The family of C. W. Orman, 214 West Fourth street, where a fire broke out Wednesday afternoon, were not ill with the flu, as reported. Members of another family living in the double house were the patients.

FLU WAXES IN ST. LOUIS.

Only 17 New Cases Reported Today—Lowest in Many Weeks.

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STEAMER REPORTED ADRIPT.

With Engines Disabled Avondale Is Now at Mercy of Atlantic.

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The Avondale has a crew of about forty men.

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FEBRUARY 12th

Sayings of Lincoln

Prosperity is the fruit of labor. Let none falter who thinks he is right.

Come what will, I will keep my faith with friend and foe.

That some should be rich shows that others may become rich.

All that I am, all that I hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.

I believe in the providence of men—the largest purse and the longest cannon.

Nowhere in the world is presented a government of so much liberty and equality.

To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible.

The mystic is inclined to labor excessively for posterity, and none will do it enthusiastically.

I have always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow.

If you aim too high your idea will go over the heads of the masses and only hit those who need no hitting.

If we could first know where we are and what we are doing, we could better judge what to do and how to do it.

Let us have faith that Right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.

Stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave of every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land will set well the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

come a parent until tonight or tomorrow. Doctor Brown said.

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FLU NEAR NORMAL

Little Epidemic Increase Reported in Kansas Today.

Wichita and Other Cities Still "Cover Up" Cases.

KANSAS FLU RECORD.

Reported previous to Feb. 9.....28,499
Reported Feb. 9.....4,101
Reported Feb. 10.....4,301
Reported Feb. 11.....2,302
Reported to noon today.....2,053
Grand total for state.....41,553

Influenza conditions in Kansas are "practically normal" today, an increase of slightly more than 100 cases being shown over the record for Wednesday morning. At noon today the state board of health had received reports of 2,053 new cases of pneumonia and 27 deaths. Reports to noon Wednesday showed 1,948 new cases, while the morning report one week ago today gave 1,948 new cases.

Apparent attempts of some of the larger towns of the state to "cover up" their reports was again indicated in today's returns. Wichita city reported 19 new flu cases and four pneumonia cases, but was unable to hide six deaths—a rate equal to one-third the number of reported new flu cases.

Hutchinson listed but five new cases today. Salina city reported no new cases to the state board, although daily returns have come from the Saline county district outside the city.

Improvement in serious conditions in Kansas City, Kan., has been noted for several days. The report today showed 24 new flu cases, with five pneumonia cases and three deaths.

Osage county was hardest hit in today's returns. That county listed 276 new cases with four deaths and twelve new pneumonia cases. Cherokee county reported 110 new cases and 181 were reported from Marion county. Topeka city reported 61 new cases of flu. It ranked tenth in today's reports.

Reports From Counties.

New flu cases as reported from various counties and cities follow:

COUNTIES: Atchison, 25; Brown, 25; Butler, 40; Chase, 10; Chautauque, 10; Cherokee, 19; Cloud, 17; Cowley, 61; Crawford, 20; Decatur, 20; Douglas, 35; Ellis, 15; Franklin, 90; Grant, 1; Gray, 4; Greeley, 17; Greenwood, 40; Harper, 25; Jefferson, 24; Jewell, 10; Kingman, 35; Kiowa, 24; Labette, 25; Leavenworth, 27; Lincoln, 20; Logan, 26; Marion, 101; Miami, 41; Mitchell, 27; Montgomery, 25; Morris, 41; Neosho, 2; Neosho, 2; Newton, 27; Pawnee, 20; Phillips, 35; Pittsburg, 20; Polk, 40; Rawlins, 68; Riley, 25; Russell, 24; Saline, 40; Sarawak, 20; Sheridan, 27; Smith, 25; Stafford, 9; Wilson, 26.

CITIES: Lawrence, 12; Leavenworth, 20; Coffeyville, 8; Hutchinson, 5; Wichita, 19; Topeka, 61; Kansas City, 24.

LITTLE ROCK HOSPITAL BURNS.

Lives of Forty-Eight Patients Threatened But All Are Saved.

Little Rock, Feb. 11.—Fire originating on the third floor of St. Luke's annex hospital here early today endangered the lives of forty-eight patients and for more than an hour threatened to destroy the entire institution.

From the building and taken to other hospitals. Several daring rescues were made by firemen from Pacific railway switchmen who left the scene before their identities were learned. The loss on the building and contents is estimated at \$45,000.

Joe Stecher Wins Match Easily.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 12.—Joe Stecher, world's wrestling champion, won his match with Jack Dwyer, in two straight falls last night.

BUILD HUGE FLAT

Fifty-Suite Apartment Here, Inter-Service Club Plan.

Occupants to Finance Project and Own Own Homes.

BUILDING TO COST \$400,000

Five Stories High, of Brick, Steel and Concrete.

Several Options Held But Site Not Selected.

Plans for building a fifty suite apartment house in Topeka were announced today by H. E. Scamell, architect for the Inter-Service club.

The project is backed by the Inter-Service club and is the outcome of an idea to relieve housing conditions in Topeka that club members have been working on for some time. An entirely new scheme is to be used in financing the project.

Persons living in the building will own their own apartment—essentially they will own their own home.

It will be necessary, tho, to sell some stock and to take subscriptions for the erection of the five-story building that will cost approximately \$400,000, according to Scamell. The entire plan of financing has not been completed. W. R. Kirk and J. L. Herch are in charge of working out the details of financing the big project.

Club Holds Options.

While it is announced that the club holds options on several pieces of property, they have not decided which location they will eventually decide upon. Scamell did not make public the location of the property now held by the club.

Detailed plans of the apartment building have not been completed. Essentially they are as published in The State Journal several days ago.